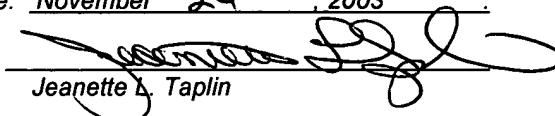




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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action bearing a mailing date of August 29, 2003, hereinafter, "the Office Action", Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks. The present response to the Office Action is being submitted within three months from the mailing date of the Office Action.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.